

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



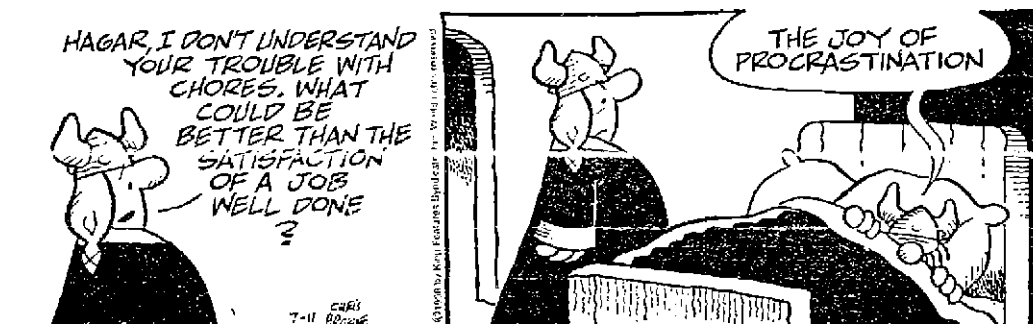
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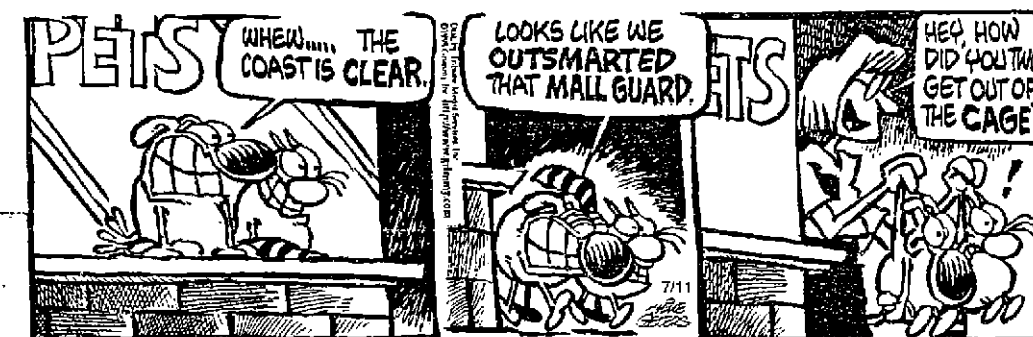
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



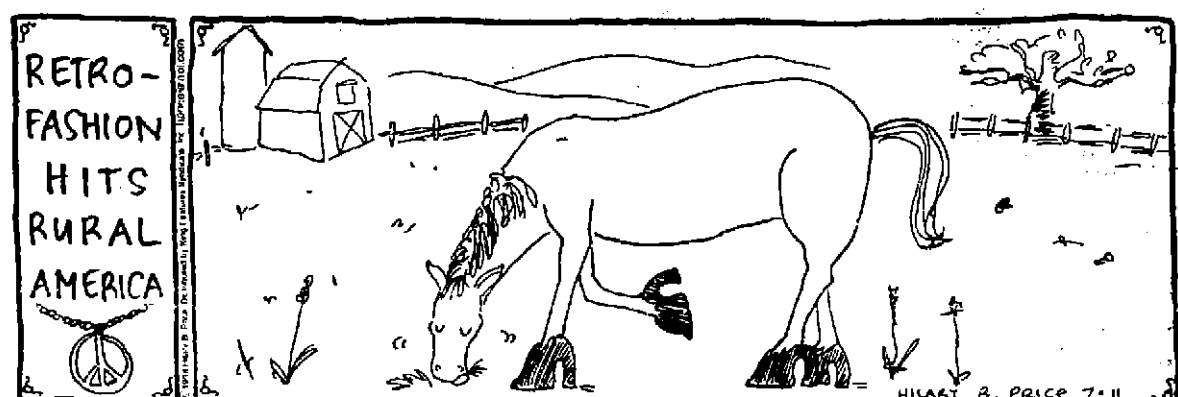
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Tab Hunter is 67. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 51. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 47. Actor Stephen Lang is 45. Boxer Leon Spinks is 45. Actress Sela Ward is 42. Reggae singer Michael Rose is 41. Singer Peter Murphy is 41. Actor Mark Lester ("Oliver!") is 40. Singer Suzanne Vega is 39. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 39. Actress Debbie Dunning ("Home Improvement") is 32.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

T	S	A	I	I	D	S	
S	S	S	E	I	U	T	
H	D	E	I	C	I	S	2nd Letter Triple
G	D	R	U	I	E	N	Double Word Score

PAR SCORE 95-105

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 7 to 10 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-11-98

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Stop -

S O K G C Y P V R N K G C Z V

S P L I E B A Y V R O L I F C

Z W G A T Q Y N D K I F C Z W

U P R N P L M A M J H E C Z X

O N A D I M E U S H Q N L J G

E C Z G X H N V C T T R P N L

J H H O A D T T R E V O E C A

Y T W V T R A O K E F N L K I

G E C B Z W H E N R D X W U S

R P O M L S T J D T O R I G E

D B A Y X W N G I S A W O U T

Friday's unlisted clue: DISARM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: TIMEKEEPING DEVICE

Ahead Gap Over Street
And no Light Payment That
At nothing On a dime Short Work
Dead Order Sign

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, July 12, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid starting new projects, as you are lacking motivation to do work at home properly.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Finding a solution to an old problem will leave everyone smiling. Concentrate on interpersonal issues, and you'll make new friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you exercise caution and good judgment from the beginning, you won't find yourself in a tight spot later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An exciting foreign adventure might spring from the day's events.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let your ideals become a substitute for plain old hard work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) There will be intriguing developments in partnerships, both personal and professional.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take it easy, as you need to rest up and prepare for a busy week. If you feel like gossiping, at least make sure no one is eavesdropping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you follow that lucky feeling, a gamble might pay off. Make sure you're not toying with the emotions of those close to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Exciting tales of a stranger will inspire you to do something radically different. But feel centered before traveling to the fringe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Those around you seem inspired. You will begin to measure your success by the quality of your relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll be forced to succumb to circumstances beyond your control.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) This is an excellent day to initiate a project involving the whole community.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's West did a good job of visualizing declarer's holding. Knowing East could not hold much, he limited his hopes to finding a useful spot card in partner's hand. His analysis was excellent, and he got his wish. Unfortunately, West's execution was not as good as his analysis, allowing South to escape with his game. West led his fourth-best club to East's jack, and South took his queen. South crossed to dummy's heart queen to lead a diamond, and the finesse lost to West's queen. Given South's opening no-trump bid and the 10 HCP visible in dummy, West saw no chance for East to have a useful high card. So West merely hoped that East held the club eight. Impulsively, West cashed his club ace and led another club to East's eight, trying to knock out South's king. However, South counterattacked and refused to win his club king. There were no more chances for West. South lost two tricks in each minor suit and claimed his nine winners. Where did West go wrong? Instead of cashing his club ace and leading another club, he should have led a low club to East's eight. If South wins, West's clubs will run. And if South ducks, East will return the suit for a two-trick set.

NORTH 07-11-A

♠ A 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 10 9 8 6

♣ 10

WEST EAST

♠ Q 3 ♠ J 10 5 4

♥ 4 3 2 ♥ 10 9 6 5

♦ A Q 3 ♦ 5 2

♣ A 9 6 4 2 ♣ J 8 3

SOUTH

♠ K 8 7

♥ A J 8

♦ K 7 4

♣ K Q 7 5

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0530

ACROSS

1 Sub sinker

7 Current strength

18 Gather, as wheat

19 Personalized

17 Hit the norm, at Inverness

18 Little troopers

19 Bower

20 Designer Schiaparelli

21 Broad

22 With no chronological lapse

24 Eye hue

25 Punching item

26 Blubber

27 Rafts

28 Gangster pieces

31 Traveler's itch

35 1934 Chemistry Nobelist

37 "Stand —" novel

38 Sparkling wine source

39 Terror of the deep

41 Attempt

42 Tolling away

43 Nintendo's Super —

45 Pipe type

46 Noted Berkshire heath

48 Surgeon's sheepskin

51 Tat's

52 Roman music halls

54 Toward the back

55 1868 Dostoyevsky novel

57 Pair of socks?

58 Somehow

59 Compound used in perfume manufacture

60 Coupe producer

61 Wee-hours trip

DOWN

1 Shoots in the garden

2 Sample applications

3 Chamomile drink

4 Noel

5 Turns away

6 Nancy Drew's beau

7 " — of Cinderella" (1994 musical)

8 Sojourner's resting place

9 Sheet cotton

10 Seat of White Pine County, Nev.

11 A.A.A. offering

12 Ball mate

13 "See my point?"

14 Ford scion

15 Washington row

16 Amara folk

17 TV adjustment: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ISLA ADE OSTE

SHARPEIS EMBARS

TOMMYROT CESTAS

INFERIOR PORCINE

CEDER DANGERS

SHALIT SNIDE

VESTIBULES ECOL

ERI CAPULET ASI

LING TITLEROLE

DEGAS NEARER

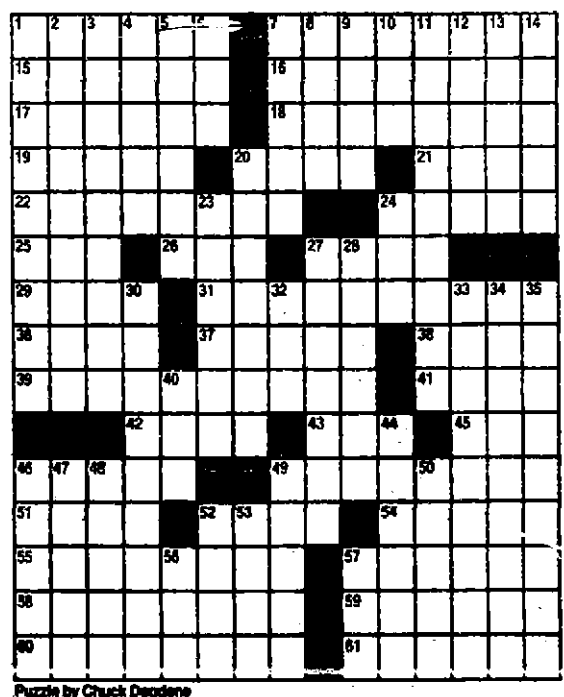
CASTLED KICKS

FAPIETES INKULAL

ANOINT LATELATE

CARPET TRADESIN

KLEE DYS SHEA



27 Back-of-the-book list

28 Acted like a creep, in a way

29 Use of metaphors

32 Postseason contest, for short

33 Old-style theater guide

34 Skedaddled

38 Biggest part, usually

46 Revealed

44 It may raise spirits

48 Loft

47 — knot, used in rug weaving

49 Defibrillator's yell

49 Gauge

50 Love of dough

52 Sow sound

53 2 mg. say

56 Traffic-stopping org.

57 Crewman

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle

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